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1. DAVIGNON'S REACTION TO SECRETARY KISSINGER'S SPEECH
AND THE PROCEDURAL POINTS CONTAINED IN STATE 110686 FOLLOWS:

A. DAVIGNON WELCOMED THE SUBSTANTIVE POINTS IN THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH BECAUSE THEY WILL SHOW THE PRODUCERS AND THE LDC'S THAT THE POSITION OF THE CONSUMERS AT THE PREPCON WAS REAL AND NOT TACTICAL.

B. DAVIGNON WAS A BIT CRITICAL OF THE STYLE OF THE SPEECH. HE SAID IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER IF THE US POSITION HAD BEEN PRESENTED A BIT MORE TENTATIVELY AND IF THE NEED TO CONSULT WITH THE OTHER IEA MEMBERS HAD BEEN STRESSED SOMEWHAT MORE. WHEN ASKED IF ANY OF THE IEA MEMBERS HAD COMPLAINED TO HIM, DAVIGNON SAID NO BUT THAT HE EXPECTS THEY WILL. DAVIGNON HOPES THAT THE US, IN PRESENTING ITS APPROACH TO THE IEA GOVERNING BOARD, WILL EMPHASIZE THE US DESIRE TO HEAR AND TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE VIEWS OF THE OTHER MEMBERS.

C. ON PROCEDURE, DAVIGNON SAID THAT THE IEA MEMBERS WOULD HAVE TO THINK HARD ABOUT HOW BEST TO MOVE FROM WHERE WE ARE TO WHERE WE WANT TO GO. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE PRODUCERS AND THE LDC'S ARE NOT GOING TO BE EASILY PERSUADED TO CONSIDER
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